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Also preferred is an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least about 30 contiguous amino acids in the amino acid sequence of the secreted portion of the protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

Also preferred is an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least about 100 contiguous amino acids in the amino acid sequence of the secreted portion of the protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

Also preferred is an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to the amino acid sequence of the secreted portion of the protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

Further preferred is an isolated antibody which binds specifically to a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence that is at least 90% identical to a sequence of at least 10 contiguous amino acids in a sequence selected from the group consisting of: an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y wherein Y is any integer as defined in Table 1; and a complete amino acid sequence of a protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

Further preferred is a method for detecting in a biological sample a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which is at least 90% identical to a sequence of at least 10 contiguous amino acids in a sequence selected from the group consisting of: an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y wherein Y is any integer as defined in Table 1; and a complete amino acid sequence of a protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1; which method comprises a step of comparing an amino acid sequence of at least one polypeptide molecule in said sample with a sequence selected from said group and determining whether the sequence of said polypeptide molecule in said sample is at least 90% identical to said sequence of at least 10 contiguous amino acids.

Also preferred is the above method wherein said step of comparing an amino acid sequence of at least one polypeptide molecule in said sample with a sequence selected from said group comprises determining the extent of specific binding of polypeptides in said sample to an antibody which binds specifically to a polypeptide

AGCACGTACCGTGTGGTCAGCGTCCTCACCGTCCTGCACCAGGACTGGCTG
AATGGCAAGGAGTACAAGTGCAAGGTCTCCAACAAAGCCCTCCCAACCCCC
ATCGAGAAAACCATCTCCAAAGCCAAAGGGCAGCCCCGAGAACCACAGGT
GTACACCCTGCCCCCATCCCGGGATGAGCTGACCAAGAACCAGGTCAGCCT
5 GACCTGCCTGGTCAAAGGCTTCTATCCAAGCGACATCGCCGTGGAGTGGGA
GAGCAATGGGCAGCCGGAGAACAACACTACAAGACCACGCCTCCCGTGCTGG
ACTCCGACGGCTCCTTCTTCCTCTACAGCAAGCTCACCGTGGACAAGAGCA
GGTGGCAGCAGGGGAACGTCTTCTCATGCTCCGTGATGCATGAGGCTCTGC
ACAACCACTACACGCAGAAGAGCCTCTCCCTGTCTCCGGGTAAATGAGTGC
10 GACGGCCGCGACTCTAGAGGAT (SEQ ID NO:1)

Example 10: Production of an Antibody from a Polypeptide

The antibodies of the present invention can be prepared by a variety of methods. (See, Current Protocols, Chapter 2.) For example, cells expressing a polypeptide of the present invention is administered to an animal to induce the production of sera containing polyclonal antibodies. In a preferred method, a preparation of the secreted protein is prepared and purified to render it substantially free of natural contaminants. Such a preparation is then introduced into an animal in order to produce polyclonal antisera of greater specific activity.

20 In the most preferred method, the antibodies of the present invention are monoclonal antibodies (or protein binding fragments thereof). Such monoclonal antibodies can be prepared using hybridoma technology. (Köhler et al., Nature 256:495 (1975); Köhler et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 6:511 (1976); Köhler et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 6:292 (1976); Hammerling et al., in: Monoclonal Antibodies and T-Cell
25 Hybridomas, Elsevier, N.Y., pp. 563-681 (1981).) In general, such procedures involve immunizing an animal (preferably a mouse) with polypeptide or, more preferably, with a secreted polypeptide-expressing cell. Such cells may be cultured in any suitable tissue culture medium; however, it is preferable to culture cells in Earle's modified Eagle's medium supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (inactivated at
30 about 56°C), and supplemented with about 10 g/l of nonessential amino acids, about 1,000 U/ml of penicillin, and about 100 µg/ml of streptomycin.

The splenocytes of such mice are extracted and fused with a suitable myeloma cell line. Any suitable myeloma cell line may be employed in accordance with the present invention; however, it is preferable to employ the parent myeloma cell line
35 (SP2O), available from the ATCC. After fusion, the resulting hybridoma cells are selectively maintained in HAT medium, and then cloned by limiting dilution as

described by Wands et al. (Gastroenterology 80:225-232 (1981).) The hybridoma cells obtained through such a selection are then assayed to identify clones which secrete antibodies capable of binding the polypeptide.

Alternatively, additional antibodies capable of binding to the polypeptide can be produced in a two-step procedure using anti-idiotypic antibodies. Such a method makes use of the fact that antibodies are themselves antigens, and therefore, it is possible to obtain an antibody which binds to a second antibody. In accordance with this method, protein specific antibodies are used to immunize an animal, preferably a mouse. The splenocytes of such an animal are then used to produce hybridoma cells, and the hybridoma cells are screened to identify clones which produce an antibody whose ability to bind to the protein-specific antibody can be blocked by the polypeptide. Such antibodies comprise anti-idiotypic antibodies to the protein-specific antibody and can be used to immunize an animal to induce formation of further protein-specific antibodies.

It will be appreciated that Fab and F(ab')₂ and other fragments of the antibodies of the present invention may be used according to the methods disclosed herein. Such fragments are typically produced by proteolytic cleavage, using enzymes such as papain (to produce Fab fragments) or pepsin (to produce F(ab')₂ fragments). Alternatively, secreted protein-binding fragments can be produced through the application of recombinant DNA technology or through synthetic chemistry.

For in vivo use of antibodies in humans, it may be preferable to use "humanized" chimeric monoclonal antibodies. Such antibodies can be produced using genetic constructs derived from hybridoma cells producing the monoclonal antibodies described above. Methods for producing chimeric antibodies are known in the art. (See, for review, Morrison, Science 229:1202 (1985); Oi et al., BioTechniques 4:214 (1986); Cabilly et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567; Taniguchi et al., EP 171496; Morrison et al., EP 173494; Neuberger et al., WO 8601533; Robinson et al., WO 8702671; Boulianne et al., Nature 312:643 (1984); Neuberger et al., Nature 314:268 (1985).)

Example 11: Production Of Secreted Protein For High-Throughput Screening Assays

The following protocol produces a supernatant containing a polypeptide to be tested. This supernatant can then be used in the Screening Assays described in Examples 13-20.

First, dilute Poly-D-Lysine (644 587 Boehringer-Mannheim) stock solution (1mg/ml in PBS) 1:20 in PBS (w/o calcium or magnesium 17-516F Biowhittaker) for a

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 425:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 92 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 425:

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 20 25 30
 Ala Val Phe Lys Gly Phe Ser Asp Cys Leu Leu Lys Leu Gly Asp Thr
 35 40 45
 Trp Pro Thr Thr Arg Ser Leu Gly Arg Gln Asp Glu His Gln Asp Arg
 50 55 60
 Val His Ile Leu Gly Gly Phe Pro Gln Leu His Gly His Ser Pro Tyr
 65 70 75 80
 Gly Leu Pro Gly Arg Gly Glu Arg Tyr Val Gly Xaa
 85 90

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 380 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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 20 25 30
 Glu Glu Ser Leu Tyr Leu Trp Ile Asp Ala His Gln Ala Arg Val Leu
 35 40 45
 Ile Gly Phe Glu Glu Asp Ile Leu Ile Val Ser Glu Gly Lys Met Ala
 50 55 60
 Pro Phe Thr His Asp Phe Arg Lys Ala Gln Gln Arg Met Pro Ala Ile
 65 70 75 80
 Pro Val Asn Ile His Ser Met Asn Phe Thr Trp Gln Ala Ala Gly Gln
 85 90 95
 Ala Glu Tyr Phe Tyr Glu Phe Leu Ser Leu Arg Ser Leu Asp Lys Gly
 100 105 110

Ile Met Ala Asp Pro Thr Val Asn Val Pro Leu Leu Gly Thr Val Pro
 115 120 125
 5 His Lys Ala Ser Val Val Gln Val Gly Phe Pro Cys Leu Gly Lys Gln
 130 135 140
 Asp Gly Val Ala Ala Phe Glu Val Asp Val Ile Val Met Asn Ser Glu
 145 150 155 160
 10 Gly Asn Thr Ile Leu Gln Thr Pro Gln Asn Ala Ile Phe Phe Lys Thr
 165 170 175
 Cys Gln Gln Ala Glu Cys Pro Gly Gly Cys Arg Asn Gly Gly Phe Cys
 180 185 190
 15 Asn Glu Arg Arg Ile Cys Glu Cys Pro Asp Gly Phe His Gly Pro His
 195 200 205
 20 Cys Glu Lys Ala Leu Cys Thr Pro Arg Cys Met Asn Gly Gly Leu Cys
 210 215 220
 Val Thr Pro Gly Phe Cys Ile Cys Pro Pro Gly Phe Tyr Gly Val Asn
 225 230 235 240
 25 Cys Asp Lys Ala Asn Cys Ser Thr Thr Cys Phe Asn Gly Gly Thr Cys
 245 250 255
 Phe Tyr Pro Gly Lys Cys Ile Xaa Pro Pro Gly Leu Glu Gly Glu Gln
 260 265 270
 30 Cys Glu Ile Ser Lys Cys Pro Gln Pro Cys Arg Asn Gly Gly Lys Cys
 275 280 285
 35 Ile Gly Lys Ser Lys Cys Lys Xaa Ser Lys Gly Tyr Gln Gly Asp Leu
 290 295 300
 Cys Ser Lys Pro Val Cys Glu Pro Gly Cys Gly Ala His Gly Thr Cys
 305 310 315 320
 40 His Glu Pro Asn Lys Cys Gln Cys Gln Glu Gly Trp His Gly Arg His
 325 330 335
 Cys Asn Lys Arg Tyr Glu Ala Ser Leu Ile His Ala Leu Arg Pro Ala
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 45 Gly Ala Gln Leu Arg Gln His Thr Pro Ser Leu Lys Lys Ala Glu Glu
 355 360 365
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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 24 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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